

Indiana Adult Smoking

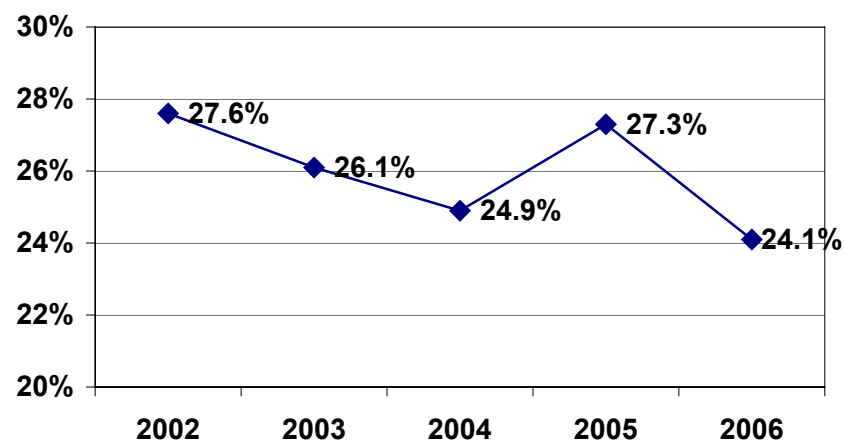
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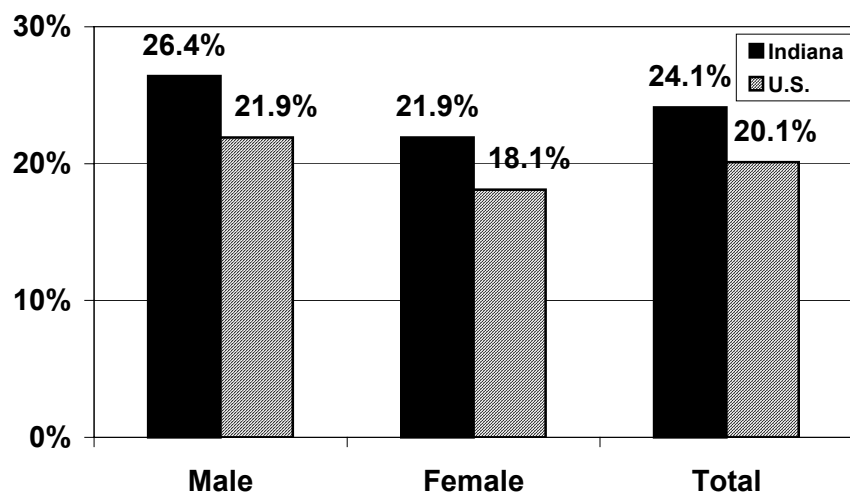
Tobacco use is the single most preventable cause of death and disease in the United States. Annually cigarette smoking causes more deaths than alcohol, AIDS, car accidents, illegal drugs, murders and suicides, combined. The impact of tobacco on Indiana is staggering, costing Hoosiers 9,700 lives each year.

Data from the 2006 Indiana Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance System shows that Indiana's adult smoking rate decreased from 27.3 percent in 2005 to 24.1 percent in 2006. While this change is statistically significant, cigarette use among Hoosiers is still a critical problem. Indiana now has the fifth highest adult smoking rate in the country.

Adult Smoking Rates, 2002-2006



Adult Smoking Rates by Gender, Indiana vs. U.S., 2006



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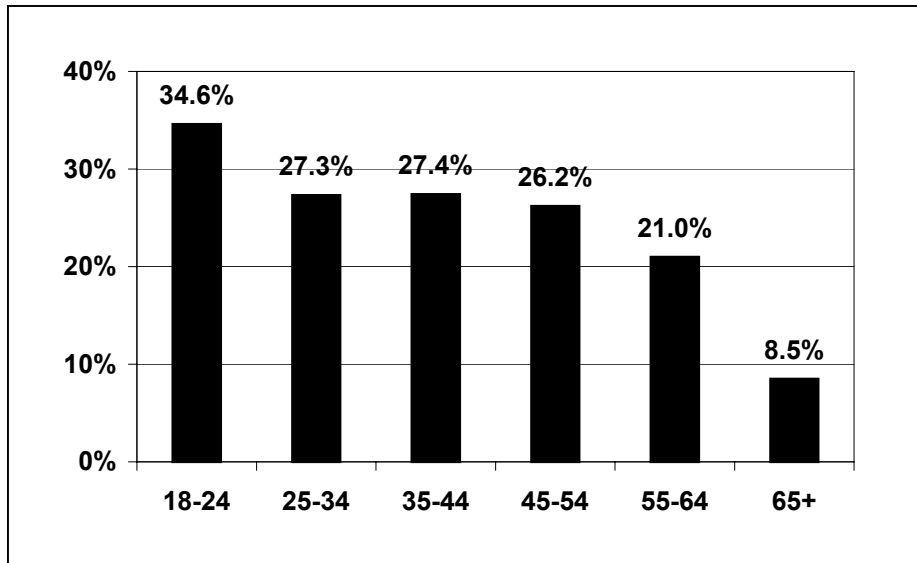
- Indiana's adult cigarette smoking rate of 24.1 percent indicates a statistically significant decrease from 2005.
- Nearly 1.1 million adults in Indiana smoke cigarettes.
- Indiana ranks 5th among all states in adult smoking prevalence and is consistently in the list of states with the highest smoking rates and consistently higher than the U. S. rate of 20 percent.
- Indiana smoking rates for men remains higher than rates of Indiana women. Hoosier smoking rates by gender are higher than the national rates.

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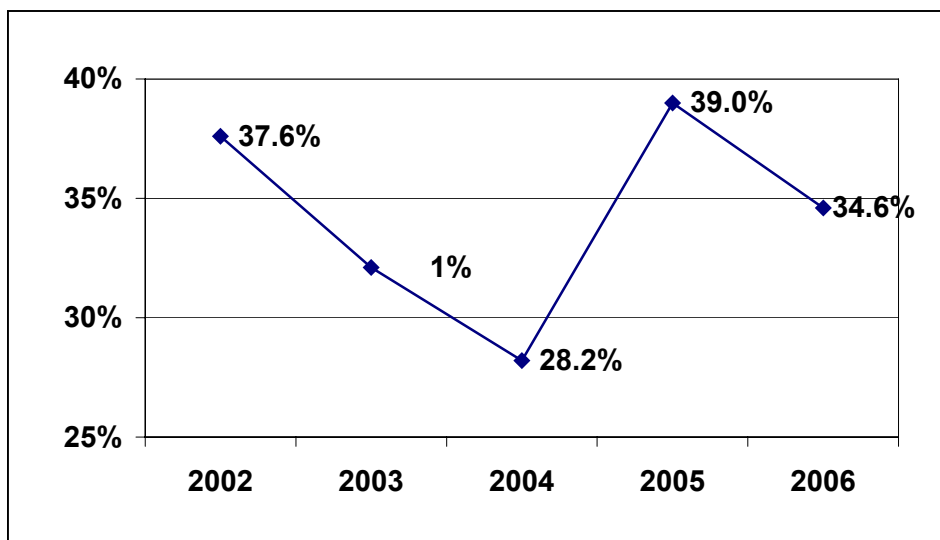
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Adult Smoking by Age Group, 2006



Smoking Among Adults Ages 18-24, 2002-2006



Adult Smoking Rates by Age

- In 2006, nearly 35 percent of adults, ages 18-24 are current smokers.
 - Approximately 26-27 percent of adults, ages 25 to 54 report current smoking.
 - In 2006, rates among 18-24 year olds are statistically higher than the age 55 and older age groups.
 - In 2006, the 55-64 year old age group is statistically lower than the 25-34 year old group.
 - In 2006, the 65 and older age group is statistically lower than all other age groups.
 - Smoking rates decline as age increases.
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- Smoking among 18-24 year olds has declined slightly since 2005, however the rates are very concerning. This age group is heavily targeted by the tobacco marketing.

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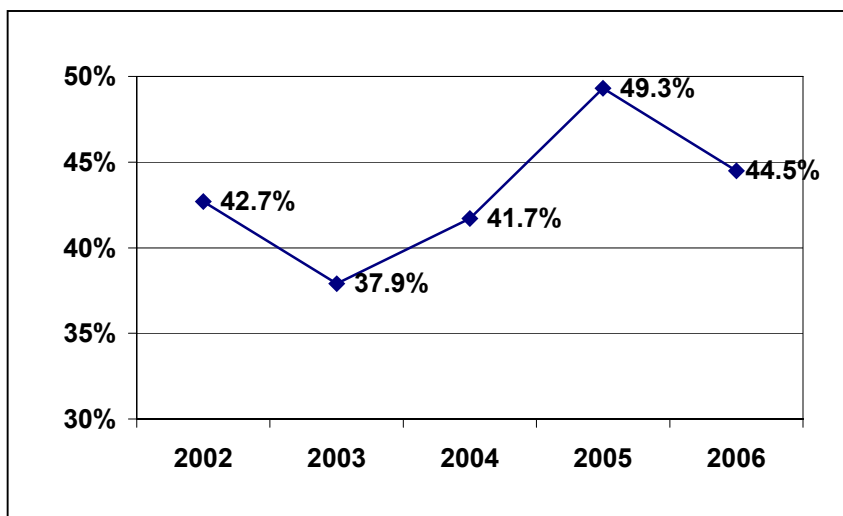
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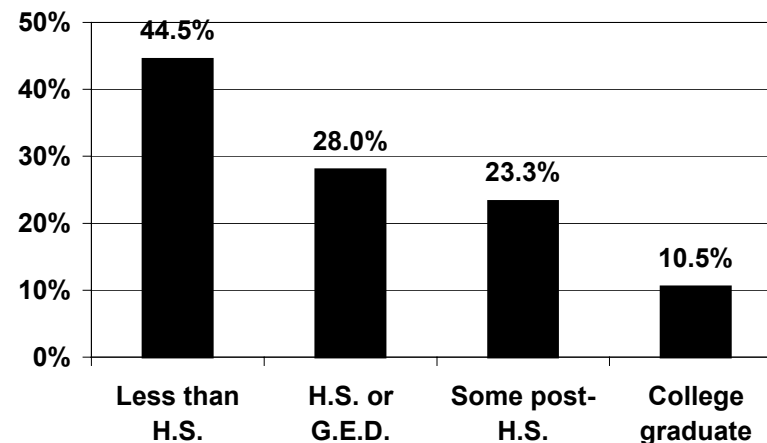
Adult Smoking Rates by Education Level

- Nearly half of Hoosier adults with less than a high school education are current smokers.
- Rates among adults with less than a high school education have remained high from 2002 to 2005, but have steadily increased since 2003.
- Rates among men with less than a high school education are nearly 50 percent, and are statistically higher than that of women (38 percent).
- Smoking rates decline as education levels increase.

Smoking Rates by Adults with less than a high school education level, 2002-2006



Adult Smoking Rates by Education Level, 2006

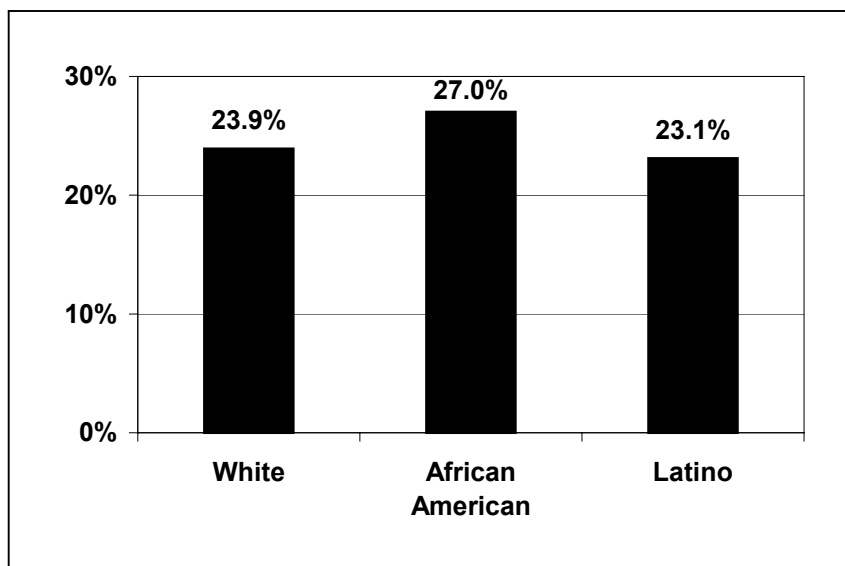


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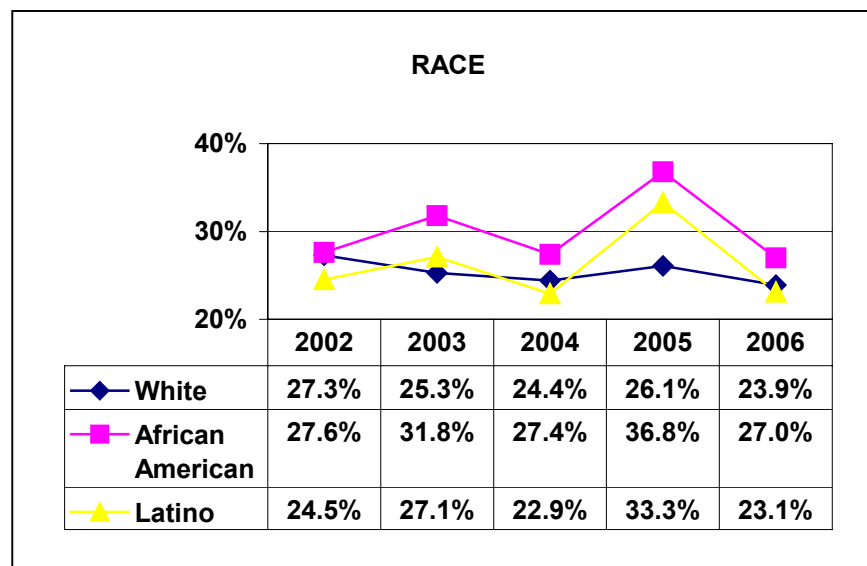
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Indiana Adult Smoking Rates by Race/Ethnicity, 2006



Indiana Adult Smoking Rates by Race/Ethnicity, 2002-2006



Indiana Adult Smoking Rates by Race/Ethnicity

- Approximately one out of four Whites and Latinos are current smokers, and an estimated 27 percent of African Americans.
- These rates have not changed statistically since 2005. The rates for these groups are not different from one another.

Smoking rates of Indiana adults illustrate why tobacco use greatly impacts our State. Tobacco use is the leading preventable cause of death in Indiana, claiming more than 9,700 lives each year and costing the state over \$2 billion annually in health care bills, including \$487 million in Medicaid payments. Indiana's tobacco control program continues to raise Hoosiers' awareness of tobacco prevention and control issues.